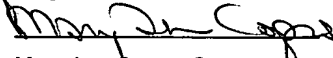


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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to  
the following references:

- 1) US 5,879,576
- 2) US 5,806,138
- 3) WO 97/12079
- 4) EP 10057877
- 5) EP 0712692
- 6) DE 2736000
- 7) JP 6-73598
- 8) JP 5-109690
- 9) JP7-197299
- 10) JP 62-133097
- 11) JP 4-179234 (abstract)

References 1 - 5 are in the English language and references 7 - 11 have abstracts in English.

and need no further discussion as to their relevance.

Reference 6), DE 2736000, discloses a method and apparatus for the chemical treatment of a surface of one side of a workpiece. The workpiece, with the surface that is to be treated, is directed upwardly against an operating surface of an operating table, with the surface being provided with an opening. A liquid that is effective for the chemical treatment is conveyed with pressure through the opening upwardly against the workpiece surface that is to be treated. The workpiece surface and the horizontal working surface of the table have the same dimensions. The chemically effective fluid is conveyed against the workpiece surface that is to be treated with such a pressure that the fluid raises the workpiece, flows over the entire workpiece surface that is to be treated as well as over the entire horizontal working surface, and flows off over the edge of the operating surface and the workpiece surface.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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